

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 15, lines 14-24 as follows:

The solution pre-evaporated in the first stage was heated in a heat exchanger, which consisted of 3 tubes with an internal diameter of 12 mm and a length of 340 mm, which had been flattened to a 3.5 mm gap over a length of 300 mm. The exit temperature was 221°C. The nozzle had a circular cross section with a diameter of 12 mm. The vapor pressure of the solution at the temperature at the exit was 3.4 bar. The pressure in the settling container was 120 Pa. The light absorbance was determined in a solution of 5 wt.% polymer in tetrahydrofuran with illumination through a cuvette of thickness 100 mm in a dual-beam photometer with pure THF as the reference; it was 3.24% at a wavelength of 450 nm, 1.97% at 550 nm and 1.66% at 650 nm. The residual contents were $[[200]] \geq$ ppm of acrylonitrile, 38 ppm of ethyl benzene and 60 ppm of styrene.